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Mock Trial Team Goes to Nationals

By Linda Moon

The Avila mock trial team competed in the Eighth Annual Inter-collegiate regional mock trial tournament, January 31st-February 2, at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. The Avila team performed well and qualified for an at-large position in the national tournament to be held at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa, later this Spring. Avila team members include three student attorneys: Derek Moorhead, Jennifer Hale, and David Kovich. They were joined by Avila's trial witnesses: Tasha Kovich, Travis Russell, and Laura Lowry-Greene.

Derek Moorhead received the American Mock Trial Association's Out-

standing Attorney Award for the Midwest Region at the concluding awards banquet on Sunday. Derek was happy about

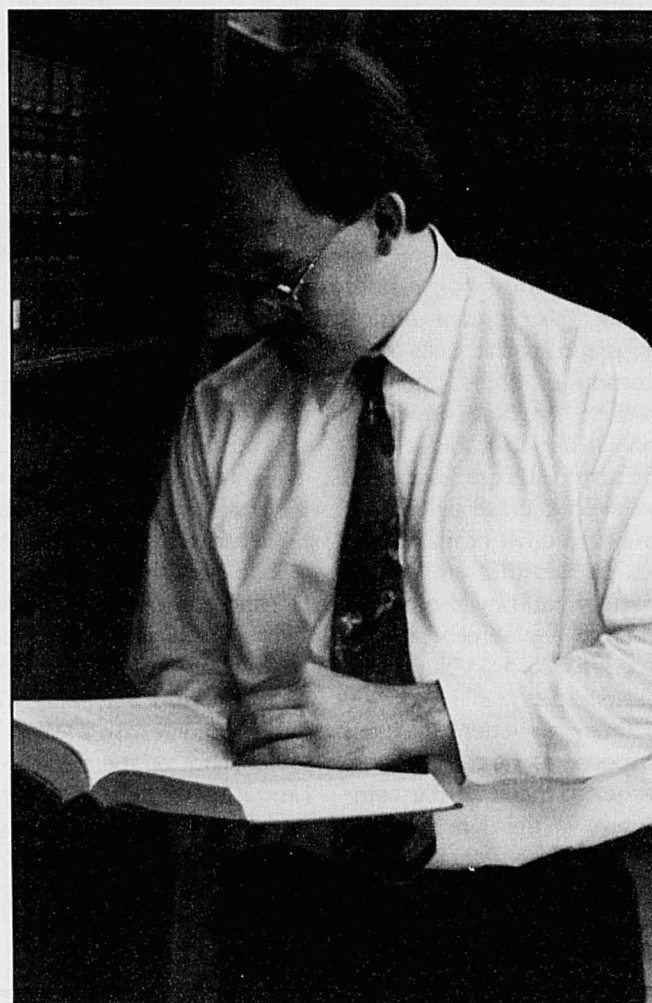
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the honor and commented, "The strong performances of the witnesses and encouragement helped me perform. I accepted the award for myself and share it with the team. We competed with the best teams of the Midwest and can be proud of our achievement."

Derek has been a team captain for three years.

(He is presently working at the law firm of Shook, Hardy, and Bacon.) The team is coached by Political Science instructor Steve Alumbaugh and local attorney Joe Cambiano of Rubens, Case, Rubens, Cambiano and Bryant law firm.

Teams in this type of trial competition must be prepared to argue both sides of a pre-determined case. Avila's team began preparing in October and spent most of their Christmas vacation and January working toward the intense weekend. Each team is required to participate in four separate trials over the course of the tournament. Judging is done by sitting judges or experienced practicing lawyers. The Avila team scored very well in competition and several judges commented that the Avila team possessed exceptional trial advocacy skills. Congratulations to our Avila team!



Derek Moorhead receives Outstanding Attorney Award for the Midwest Region.

Photo By B. Alexander

Steer Dinner Planned at Ritz-Carlton

By Marcy Caldwell

More than 400 guests are expected to gather at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel on Saturday, March 14, for The Sixteenth Annual Avila College American Royal Steer Dinner/Auction. A reception and silent auction are scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm. Guests will then feast on succulent filet mignon prepared by Ritz-Carlton master chefs. A live auction will follow dinner.

The theme for this year's benefit, "Diamonds are Forever," commemorates Avila's 75th Diamond Jubilee Celebration. "In carrying out the theme for this year's event, we have been fortunate to receive assistance from Krigel's and Helzberg's in providing diamond jewelry items for the auction," said Pat Martin, Director of Development.

In addition to a pair of diamond earrings, a diamond watch and a diamond pin, other exciting auction items include: ski vacations for 10 to Sun Valley and Crested Butte; a Christmas lighting party for 10 at the Ritz; a weekend at the Highlands Inn in Carmel (featuring a

gourmet dinner prepared especially for you and your guest by a famous American chef); a \$1,000 Jones Store shopping spree; a Lou Charno portrait; a hot air balloon ride; a Sharp desk copier; autographed sports memorabilia; a karaoke party and even a bungee jump! A drawing for a stunning .92 -carat diamond necklace donated by Krigel's is already underway. Raffle tickets may be purchased in the Advancement Office at a cost of \$1 per chance or \$10 for 12 chances.

"Proceeds from this year's auction will benefit the Student Scholarship Fund in addition to addressing other campus needs," said Martin. In recent years, the Avila Steer Dinner has raised as much as \$200,000 to benefit the special needs of the College and its students. Funds from past auctions have helped to build the Fieldhouse, enlarge the endowment fund, improve the computer system and provide student scholarships.

Significant funding for the 1992 Steer Dinner/Auction has been provided by Event Patron Mary Beth Meyers. Challenge donors include

Honorary Chairperson Philomena Muntzel, Dorothy Whitfield, Rose Teicher and Andrews & McMeel/Universal Press Syndicate. In addition, 35 corporate and individual table sponsors are providing support.

A few openings for volunteer auction attendants are still available and will be welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in supporting this year's Steer Dinner through the donation of their time should contact Julie Kovich in the Advancement Office.

Reservations for the 1992 Steer Dinner/Auction can be made by contacting the Advancement Office, located on the upper level of Blasco Hall. Tickets are \$100.

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Lilly Endowment Chooses Avila

By Denise Vargo

Avila is being looked at on a nationwide level and as a result, we were picked among 24 other colleges and universities to be a proud receiver of the Lilly Endowment! What is the Lilly Endowment, you ask? It is a nationwide organization comprised of national education specialists who look at colleges and universities to see who is outstanding in the liberal arts field. According to these specialists, Avila College is rising above the rest by means of the interesting and advantageous changes we are making as it relates to the college's core curriculum.

We were chosen to attend a nationwide workshop where we will share our ideas with other schools around the United States. In 1988, under the direction of Sister Marie Joan Harris, Dean of Academic Affairs, a new curriculum was introduced wherein we

put together value statements. We are still in the process of upgrading the core curriculum by focusing more on communication skills, thinking skills, personal, spiritual and social development, and a well-rounded body of knowledge obtained upon graduation by students. It seems that employers' major complaints involve writing skills and the ability to interact successfully. These are basic skills needed in the work place. The new curriculum will incorporate a communication intensive within all majors, which will provide all students with the opportunity to practice and fine tune these important assets into their education.

The workshop will be held in Colorado Springs in June. Sister Marie Joan Harris; Frank Yeatman, Professor of Psychology; Sister Martha Smith, Professor of History; and, Larry Sullivan; Chairman of the Science Department will represent Avila at this upcoming event.



Letter To The Editor

IT'S EVERYONE'S LAB

This is in response to the February 14 letter by Christopher Huntington on the policies of the MacIntosh computer lab. It is true that more restrictions have been placed on the computers. Users are not allowed to change the screen colors or the speaker volume. Users have restricted storage capabilities on the hard drives. But this is not to make the computers less friendly, but more manageable.

The A.M.E program was installed over Christmas break. This program restricts access to specific areas of the computer. Users can save files to the hard drive, but only in a specific folder (temporary). Users are not allowed to erase any files off the hard drive or make copies of files that are on the hard drive. They also cannot change any screen settings such as color, volume, or mouse speed.

These restrictions were not imposed to discourage use, rather to make all the computers in the lab seem as similar as possible. Problems that were cropping up were software packages deleted off the drive, folders moved

inside other folders which made it difficult to find what one needed to complete a task, strange programs loaded which would make obscene noises or display distracting pictures, and unauthorized programs loaded which are not legal for the college. In order to clean up the computers so the inexperienced users could find what they wanted, it would take 45 minutes per machine. This adds up to 9 hours per week. Another problem was software packages were not protected from illegal copying. A.M.E. does not allow users to copy software.

I know it would be nice if everyone could do whatever they wanted. The problem is there are over 1,000 people who have the privilege to use the computers. It's not fair to the person who has 10 minutes before class to print out a paper, only to find the Microsoft Word folder is not on the desktop. I know it is an inconvenience for some. I am trying to work out the problems. Please be patient and, if you have any suggestions, let me know.

Patrick Kopp

Why the Ashes?

By Fr. Mario

Most of our Christian customs and practices have come about in a round-about way. Many of them were not logically planned with clearly defined meaning.

The Catholic custom of signing people's foreheads with ashes on Ash Wednesday is no exception. The use of ashes had its origin in the public administration of the sacrament of reconciliation in the first centuries of the Church. The Christians who had committed serious sins would present themselves to their pastor or bishop for forgiveness and reconciliation. They would be dressed in sackcloth, signed with ashes, and given a penance to do before being granted forgiveness. Their penance would last for a long time

and they were not permitted to join the Christian community for Mass on Sunday. They were to kneel outside the Church on Sunday in their sackcloth and ashes. Hence, the ashes became the symbol of a person doing penance for sins.

By the fifth century Holy Thursday had become the day for reconciliation for penitents who had finished their penances. Thus, the first day of Lent became the day for sinners to begin their penitential period. The first day of Lent came to be known as the Wednesday of the Ashes.

In Charlemagne's time, the custom became universal and not simply for penitents. It became customary for all Christians who wished to do penance for their sins to

present themselves for the signing with ashes.

In the best understanding of this practice, Christians should not come to receive ashes just because everyone does it or it's fashionable to have a black spot on your forehead. To come to ashes should mean that Christians have made a commitment, a conscious and free decision to do some penitential discipline because they recognize that they are weak, sinful person. Thus, before approaching the altar for ashes, Christians should decide what kind of penitential discipline they are going to do this Lenten season.

If we take ashes with this kind of awareness, we can be a powerful sign to the Avila community. It can be a proclamation that we have taken seriously the ashes on our foreheads. Have a holy Lent.

Attend NAIA Fair

The third annual NAIA Center Court Career Fair will be held March 17 and 18, each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Kemper Arena, Kansas City, Missouri. The NAIA Career Fair is held in conjunction with the 55th Annual ARA Services, NAIA National Men's Basketball Championship Tournament, and is coordinated by the Centurions, a leadership program of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. NAIA students and other regional college students who hold day-session tickets to either of the two days of opening round play may attend the Career Fair to discuss employment opportunities and job-hunting skills with twenty-two or more national and local employers from the Kansas City area.

The Career Management Center and Drake Beam and Morin, Inc. will coordinate career workshops on each day of the Center Court Fair, beginning at noon and ending at 1 p.m. each day.

Some of the companies participating in the Career Fair include ARA Services, Western Auto, BMA Midwest, Kansas City Police Department, Sprint, Overland Park Police Department, Athletes in Action, U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Farmers Insurance Company and Kansas City Life Insurance Company.

Avila Student are encouraged to attend! For additional information about Center Court call Carrie Stapleton at (816) 842-1500 or Steve Nieman or Amy Douglas at the NAIA National Office at (816) 842-5050.

Chorale at Goppert

The critically acclaimed Kansas City Chorale will present a "Concert of World Music" in Goppert Theatre on March 15 at 3 p.m. The 22-voice ensemble will deliver a global spectrum of poignant and powerful music in seven different languages.

Under the direction of Charles E. Bruffy, the Chorale will perform selections from Israel, China, Japan, Finland, Brazil, Africa, Spain and the Philippines. The second half of the concert will highlight the Chorale's renowned Russian repertoire in contrast to American favorites.

Student tickets are \$6.50 and may be ordered by calling 235-2700. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on March 15.

One-Woman Play

Avila College will present an original one-woman play written and acted by Geraldine Kinerk and directed by Dr. William J. Louis.

"St. Teresa of Avila" will run Friday and Saturday, March 20-21, at 8 p.m. in Goppert Theatre on the Avila College campus. Admission is free.

Kinerk wrote the play for the occasion of Avila's Septuaginta-Quinquennial, or 75th Anniversary Celebration, in honor of the college's patron saint, Teresa of Avila.

"It's the story of a soul, what St. Teresa called a homecoming, a coming to oneself in God," said Kinerk.

Kinerk is a graduate of both St. Teresa's Academy and Avila College. She has taught dance and theater

courses at Avila and other schools and colleges in the Kansas City area. Her acting credits include performances with Missouri Repertory Theatre, Tiffany's Attic, and other local theaters.

The play will show St. Teresa from age 16 to 65 and explore her visions, entrance into and subsequent reform of the Carmelite Order, and questioning by the Spanish Inquisition.

The show will feature two works of art created by the director. Louis has been a member of Avila's theater faculty and is an accomplished artist in many media. A bust of Christ and a plaque of the city of Avila, Spain will appear on stage during "St. Teresa of Avila."

What's Happening at Avila

March 18, Psi Chi meeting, 12:30 -2 p.m.

Speaker, Mary M. Gerkovich, Midwest Research Institute, Topic: New Strategies to Help Ex-Smokers Avoid Relapse, Helmes Room, Goppert Centre.

March 24, Communication Series Speaker, Steve Wood, Copywriter, Bernstein-Rein Advertising, Inc., 11-12:15 p.m., O'Rielly, Room 211.

March 25, Practice Interviews, 5:30-8 p.m., Student Resource Center.

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Additions to Dean's List, Fall 1991

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Tilton, Linda Sue
Washburn, Paul David
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Communications Expands

By Jane Malone

Dr. Daniel Larson, chairperson of the Humanities Department, is very excited about upcoming changes in the Art and Communication departments. Thanks to grant applications from the Mabee and Kresge Foundations in conjunction with the Avila 2000 Campaign, plans to renovate the Art department and construct a new Communication wing are scheduled to begin in May.

The plans provide for a new Communication building to be constructed next to Ridgway Hall. The new building will then share a common, formal entrance with the already existing Art department. Having this additional space will allow for a centralization of the Communication department. It will provide much needed space for an

updated TV studio, and other necessary facilities. These new additions will strengthen the current program and provide greater capabilities for the department, according to Larson. Construction is tentatively scheduled for completion in December 92.

Also in the works is the renovation of the Art department. The plan is to reorganize and utilize better the already existing space.

These additions will benefit the Avila community by attracting more students to the Art/Communication programs in the future. According to Larson, "These renovations have been needed for a number of years; funding is in place to get started and these projects will move the College forward substantially."

Avila Students Among Who's Who

By Mike Maupin

Each fall the faculty, staff, and graduating seniors receive a letter asking for nominations for selection to membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. This prestigious honor is granted to students at more than 1,000 schools in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The seniors with the most nominations fill out the required applications for approval into this elite society. The students named from Avila College this year are:

Tasha Kovich, of Kansas City, Missouri; Brett Reinert, of Dodge City, Kansas; Amy Korando, of Florissant, Missouri; Joann Mulligan, of Maspeth, New York; and Tamela Gast, of Louisburg, Kansas.

These students were selected based upon their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. They will receive their certificates of excellence during graduation ceremonies this Spring.

The Celebration Continues

By John Lyon

With the arrival of Lent, the College begins the last stage of the year-long celebration of the school's 75th Jubilee. The emphasis in this stage will be placed on affirming the values and mission of the College as well as thanking.

The first phase of the celebration will occur on four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning March 18. Services will be held at the Foyle Chapel and will be conducted by

various local clergy. They will discuss themes of helping others and other applications to the mission statement of Avila College. The guest speaker announcement will be posted around campus. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The second phase allows the Avila community to participate in the Jubilee, even with scheduling conflicts. The College would like to record at least 75 hours of prayer. This prayer would be given in thanksgiving of the bless-

ings of 75 years at Avila College and for the continuation of blessings for the future. Prayers may be given anywhere by anyone of any denomination. A guest book will be placed in Foyle Chapel for participants to record the prayers. Various plans are being suggested for the guest book after the Jubilee. Send your prayers to the College, and all the lives Avila touches. For information, contact Sr. Marie Georgette 942-8400, ext. 261.

Dr. Cleveland Performs Magic

By Deborah Dexheimer

Dr. Linda Cleveland, chemistry professor at Avila, has been going out into the community with a chemical magic show for school-aged children since 1979. She originally started in Pennsylvania before moving to Kansas City.

Linda does her show at area schools, as well as for Boy Scouts and Campfire Girls. Dr. Cleveland's

shows are available by request any time of the year.

Linda likes to use things the kids have heard of; she likes to make "common materials do uncommon things," like making Kleenex hold water, as well as making nylon and slime. She has a substance that will change color if the children speak nicely to it. Linda says she gets a good response from the kids who come up to her afterward to

ask questions and talk to her like a real person.

Cleveland thinks the shows are fun for her and the kids. She has held her show for kids as young as first grade, but feels that the show is best those in the fourth grade. Linda tries to get her audience to think about why it works, as well as getting the kids interested in science.

ASSWA Chooses Officers

By Kelly Williams

The Avila Student Social Work Association announced the election of new officers for 1992. They are: President, Lori Kyle, Junior; Vice President Sullen Wood, junior; Secretary, Emily Oeding, Freshman; Treasurer, Cecilia Konrad-Schmid, Junior; Ass't Treasurer, Patrick Draney, Junior;

and Public Relations, Janet Ford, Junior; and Cindy Sykes, Junior.

The ASSWA focuses on bringing Social Work students together to examine the structure, objective and policies of institutions providing education for social work practitioners. The association

devotes itself to policies on issues of social welfare on the local, state and national level. It is open to any student, or group of students or social work major within Avila. Membership is a nominal annual fee.

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Sports Editorial

By Chris Pickett

The men's basketball team has enjoyed a successful season compared to Avila teams in the past. With 15 wins and 15 losses, the Eagles have proved to be one of the more competitive squads in the district. Impressive showings at Drury, Missouri Western, and Evangel support my statement. What these three games have in common is that they were all on the road; but those games aren't the issue at hand. What I'm talking about is Avila's efforts at home where they possess a 9 win-5 loss record despite some of the smallest crowds around.

I realize that Avila is no

Mizzou or Kansas, but these games generate excitement that is comparable to those in Columbia and Lawrence. The three most recent home games showed examples of this. Avila scored over 100 points while defeating Benedictine; Avila edged Rockhurst on a last second shot; and they lost a thriller to MidAmerica Nazarene, who happens to be ranked fourth in the nation among NAIA Division II teams.

The Rockhurst and MANC games brought in nice crowds (the majority of fans at the MANC game were supporting the visitors), but the previous twelve games

were attended only by the loyal, die-hard fans (you know who you are—all one hundred of you).

Efforts have been made in the past to get people to come out and watch the Eagles and Lady Eagles, but they haven't been successful. The season is now over, and the attention has turned to the baseball and softball seasons. Maybe these teams can experience better fan support, maybe not.

I'd like to thank those people who came out to watch and support us. We appreciated your company. Hopefully we'll see you again.



Men's Basketball Team exhibit their winning form.

By B. Alexander

Are They Jinxed???

By Robin Alms

This year Avila's softball team has experienced a comedy of errors. Season has not started yet and half of the women of the softball team have been injured in some way or another.

What is going on with our ladies? Have they been jinxed? Injuries have been coming from all sides. Many of the players are in sports rehab, playing or have played with an injury, and there have been three car accidents involving some of the Lady Eagles. Shannon Walters, Jenny Hale and Cheryl Duren all were involved in an auto accident a few weeks ago. None of the injuries were

too serious, just a little whiplash here and there. And of course, none of our players were at fault. "If we can stay healthy (and accident free) we'll be a strong team." Said Coach Dave Melton.

The season does not officially kick off until Wednesday, March 11, when they play Baker University. While the majority of games will be played away in March, April is a different story with most of games at home. Father Mario, please say a special prayer for our Lady Eagles, to help keep them all well.

Check Out Spring Intramural's

By Jeff Bass

Intramural spring sports have begun at Avila and will run throughout the Spring semester. If you have any questions or want to sign up contact Jeff Fox in Marian Center. Here are the dates and times for each sport.

* Present	Coed Basketball
* Sun., March 22	Nintendo Tournament in Whitfield, Noon to 8 p.m.
* March 23	Men's Volleyball
* April 1	Women's Indoor Soccer
* Sun., May 3	Family Picnic, Noon to 4 p.m.

For the Nintendo Tournament there will be two 8-ft. projector screen televisions and two Super Nintendo's and two regular Nintendo's.

For the Family Picnic everyone on campus is invited. There will be Badminton and Croquet in the quad.

All sports and activities are free and paid for through the Student Activity Fee.

Lady Eagles Win Some Lose Some

By Chris Pickett

The Lady Eagles returned from Christmas break looking to turn things around after recording 4 wins and 8 losses during the Fall semester. Their first trip was to Dubuque, Iowa, where they played three games in three days, only to lose the first two and win the third against St. Francis (IL) for their first victory in four years at the National Catholic Basketball Tournament.

Their next three games pitted them against Doane

(Neb), William Jewell, and Rockhurst. Unfortunately, these were three losses. The January 18 game against Bartlesville Wesleyan ended the three game skid as Robin Alms led the way en route to a victory in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The Lady Eagles then dropped their next two games to Park and Central Methodist. This streak did not last long as Alms and Kim Nordike led the way for a 74-61 win over Ottawa to

give them 7 wins and 15 losses for the season.

Trips to Peru State (Neb.) and Benedictine, and visits by Park and Rockhurst resulted in four consecutive losses for Avila, but a visit by MidAmerica Nazarene on February 18 gave the Lady Eagles their eighth victory as Paulette Carothers (18 points) and Janice Williams (15 points) led the charge. Two nights later, the ladies traveled to Central Methodist only to lose 80-42 and drop their record to 8 wins and 20 losses.



The Lady Eagles in action

By B. Alexander

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Player Profile

By Kevin Lowder

NAME: Shane Newbrough

AGE: 20

YEAR IN SCHOOL: Sophomore

SPORT PLAYED: Men's Baseball

POSITION: Pitcher

HOMETOWN: Mexico, MO

SEASON OUTLOOK: Shane feels that if the 92 team plays like a team and their roles are established and accepted, people will be surprised at this year's team.

FAVORITE FOOD: Anything I can put ketchup on!

FAVORITE MOVIE: Backdraft

FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Pirates of the Mississippi.

SPARE TIME: Pursue a career in law enforcement.

FAVORITE ATHLETE: Larry Bird

HOBBIES: Reading and assembling models.

FEELINGS ABOUT AVILA: He likes the location and the people, but there should be more school spirit and Avila should put more emphasis on sports.

IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? I would financially secure my parents, and then accommodate myself. I would use the rest on drug prevention.